The Krewe of Nereids

presents

Twenty-eighth Annual Bal Masque

SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 22, 1994
MISSISSIPPI COAST COLISEUM, BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

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The Big Band Era

Prologue

THEME SONGS . . . were the focal point of the . . . GREAT BAND ERA. All of the FAMOUS BANDS were identified by a particular song. So, it was that the THEME SONG . . . the ORCHESTRA and the MUSICAL LEADER combined to make the "BIG BAND" . . . the craze of all America.

The GREAT BAND ERA . . . was a huge and marvelous MUSICAL BAZAAR . . . a bubbling, exciting mixture of places, names, melodies and events. For anyone who was part of THAT ERA . . . the DECADE from 1936 to 1945 . . . the sound of a particular band, the memory of a passage from a song or the mention of a meaningful name can LIGHT UP THE WHOLE ERA again . . . in glowing colors.

It was a time TO GO DANCING . . . and you went where the bands were playing . . . the BLUE ROOM . . . MEADOWBROOK . . . the ARAGON BALLROOM . . . DREAMLAND and the PALOMAS.

It was a time, when YOUNG AMERICA thought nothing of driving 150 miles to hear a favorite band in person! There were SWING BANDS and SWEET BANDS. It was the time of BENNY GOODMAN . . . TOMMY DORSEY . . . ARTIE SHAW . . . WAYNE KING . . . HARRY JAMES and truly the list goes on!

Tonight . . . the KREWE OF NEREIDS . . . turns back the clock and INVITES YOU to join them in a SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE "glory years". It was a TIME when America fell in love with the SOUNDS of those . . . "BIG BANDS".

OUR TABLEAUX UNFOLDS . . .

On our scene of the U.S.O.'s . . . "Stage Door Canteen". Our BANDSTAND comes musically alive, as we await our "BIG BAND OVERTURE" . . . MAESTRO, IF YOU PLEASE!!!

A. The CAPTAIN'S whistle signals the beginning of our TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SPECTACULAR CARNIVAL BALL . . . as . . . WE WELCOME . . .

B. The ROYAL COURT of 1993 . . . recalling the glitter and glamour of our visit to HOLLYWOOD . . . in our SILVER SCREEN presentation of . . . "NEREIDS . . . AWARDS THE OSCARS".

C. All Hail THEIR ROYAL MAJESTIES . . . our 1993 KING AND QUEEN . . . before . . .

D. The SCEPTER BEARER makes a traditional appearance . . .

E. Behold the SPOTTING of the CREST OF NEREIDS, as a prelude to our . . . TRIBUTE . . . TO THE "BIG BAND ERA".

F. Portraying the "SPIRIT OF THE ERA" . . . our KREWE OFFICERS extend a "WELCOME TO THE BALL" . . . as they herald the OPENING of our GALA EVENING . . .

G. Behold . . . in the traditions of the "MARDI GRAS" . . . the unique entrance . . . of the CAPTAIN OF NEREIDS . . . who captures the illusion of . . . those "GLORY YEARS" .

H. Enjoy now . . . as our U.S.O. HOSTESSES and CANTEEN WORKERS welcome all our MEN and WOMEN of the ARMED FORCES . . . before . . .

I. Our "GUEST STARS" from HOLLYWOOD arrive . . . "TALLULAH BANKHEAD" . . . "CHARLIE CHAPLIN" . . . "MAE WEST" . . . and "THE MARX BROTHERS" . . .

J. The "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" has just arrived . . .

K. Then those COLLEGE KIDS come to the U.S.O. to perform the latest dance craze . . . "The Big Apple" . . . and then teach the servicemen the latest steps . . .

L. Romance takes a front seat . . . "As Time Goes By" . . . rekindles many memories . . . all then form a "Conga Line" . . .

M. Hear that circus music? . . . here comes the Barnum and Bailey clown troupe . . .

N. MEMORABLE MELODIES of the "BIG BAND ERA" . . . come alive as the MAIDS and DUKES of our 1994 ROYAL COURT . . . recall . . .

"GREEN EYES"
. . . Jimmy Dorsey's ever-popular hit!
"MOONLIGHT SERENADE"
. . . Glenn Miller's all-time favorite!
"STARDUST"
. . . Hoagy Carmichael's classic love song!
"DANCING IN THE DARK"
. . . Artie Shaw's unforgettable melody of romance!
"SUNRISE SERENADE"
. . . Hal Kemp's memorable theme song!
"BEGIN THE BEGUINE"
. . . Guy Lombardo's tribute to the Latin beat!

O. Hail QUEEN DORIS XXVIII . . . personifying the "SPIRIT OF OUR GLORY YEARS" . . . as SHE REIGNS AS . . . QUEEN OF OUR BAL MASQUE . . .

P. HER ROYAL MAJESTY now calls for . . . the CAPTAIN to escort . . .

Q. KING NEREUS XXVIII . . . who bids that his SUBJECTS enjoy with him . . . the fascinating . . . MAGIC of our SALUTE . . . to the "BIG BAND ERA" . . .

R. HONORED GUESTS are received at the REGAL THRONE . . . before . . .

S. The ROYAL COURT in a "GRAND MUSICAL PROMENADE" . . . amid a KALEIDOSCOPE of MARDI GRAS MAGIC . . . in a WONDERLAND of America's "GLORY YEARS" . . . all caught up in the SPIRIT OF BIG BANDS . . .

T. Let's watch now the "SWING" that was a part of the "BIG BAND" sounds . . . with "In the Mood" . . . "St. Louis Blues" . . . and "Sing, Sing, Sing" . . .

U. All take part in the "GRAND FINALE" . . . of our PATRIOTIC TRIBUTE . . . then the "OFFICERS OF NEREIDS" take a final curtain call and give a U.S.O. SALUTE to YOU, their honored guests.

V. All a prelude to the . . . beloved song . . . "GOD BLESS AMERICA" . . .

W. The gracious and captivating . . . CAPTAIN OF THE KREWE . . . bids you a nostalgic . . . "FAREWELL" . . . until we all meet again at next year's . . . NEREIDS BAL MASQUE EXTRAVAGANZA!

X. The "CALL-OUT DANCES" begin . . . after which . . . GENERAL DANCING adds to the HAPPY EXCITEMENT of our . . . sharing in . . . THE BIG BAND ERA'S . . . memorable . . . "GLORY YEARS".

The Royal Court of

1994

King Nereus XXVIII

Dukes to His Majesty

Mr. Bobby R. Messer, Sr.
Mr. Kelly Cannon
Mr. Gene Stanbro
Mr. Craig W. Foster
Mr. David Turcotte
Mr. Allyn D. Combs

Trainbearers to Her Majesty

Master Bryce Eugene Breland
Master Jeffrey John Hansell, Jr.
Miss Ashley Elizabeth Smith
Master Brian Doyle Webb

Recollections

1967 - Cavalcade of American Dance
King Nereus I - Cornelius K. Herlihy *
1968 - Era of Laughter
King Nereus II - Merlin R. Markel
1969 - Carnival in Rio
King Nereus III - Henry Develle, Jr. *
1970 - Spirit of America
King Nereus IV - W. Ray Gordon *
1971 - Opening Nights
King Nereus V - James DeBlanc *
1972 - Three Ring Circus
King Nereus VI - Haskell L. Doyle *
1973 - Echoes of Famous Streets
King Nereus VII - John Gallagher
1974 - The Enchanted Toy Shop
King Nereus VIII - T. Dixon Ashman
1975 - The Jazz Age
King Nereus IX - David L. Johnson
1976 - Hawaii, The 50th State
King Nereus X - Lucien M. Gex, Jr.
1977 - State Fair
King Nereus XI - Vincent Schott
1978 - Ooooh La La, Paree!
King Nereus XII - Clifford P. Vogt *
1979 - Classic Greece
King Nereus XIII - Luke Caruso
1980 - Space Fantasy
King Nereus XIV - Robert W. Wyatt, Jr.
1981 - Fiesta! Fiesta!
King Nereus XV - Donald W. Diboll
1982 - The Adventures of Alice
King Nereus XVI - Arthur J. Chapman III
1983 - Yankee Doodle Dandy
King Nereus XVII - Thomas W. Kidd
1984 - It's A Small World
King Nereus XVIII - Gerald C. Gex
1985 - Sunday in the Park
King Nereus XIX - Alvin G. Bernard
1986 - It's Mardi Gras Time
King Nereus XX - Harld M. Hitt
1987 - And So It Was ... Dixieland
King Nereus XXI - Joseph W. Gex
1988 - Entertainment, U.S.A.
King Nereus XXII - William B. Whitfield
1989 - Let's Rock 'N' Roll
King Nereus XXIII - Herbert T. Dubuisson
1990 - Nereids Visits Oz
King Nereus XXIV - Clarence L. Moran
1991 - The Way We Never Were
King Nereus XXV - R. Terry Markel
1992 - Viva Las Vegas
King Nereus XXVI - Donald Caserta
1993 - Nereids Awards the Oscars
King Nereus XXVII - Armand H. Serpas, Sr.

* Deceased

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